

That offer has now been responded to with respect to both the initial and the supplemental—initial, I mean the disaster bill—and we are looking for an answer back at some point in time to our response. But, hopefully, we can reach an agreement.

Mr. SCALISE. Hopefully, those conversations do continue on.

I am encouraged by the negotiations in terms of how both sides seem to be willing to get this resolved and, hopefully, quickly, ideally, if we could have a bill on the floor next week that would be a very bipartisan bill to address this so that we can get the relief.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SCALISE. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Clearly, if we get an agreement—and that, of course, is the big if, but, hopefully, we can. If we can do that, then we will want to move as quickly as possible.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I do want to ask about the appropriations process because I know the gentleman from Maryland had talked earlier this week about a desire to have the entire appropriations process completed by the end of June. He also talked about a robust amendment process.

I would just ask the gentleman, as we look at this week, the concerning trend that we have been talking about a few weeks now, when amendments came out of the Rules Committee this week, 26 amendments came out that were offered by Democrats, and only 1 amendment was allowed by a Republican.

As the gentleman from Maryland talks about a robust appropriations process, I would hope he would pay closer attention to fairness in that robustness, because 26 Democrat amendments allowed and only 1 Republican amendment allowed is surely not a fair process. It might be considered robust, but in a hyperpartisan sense.

So I hope as we get into the appropriations process the gentleman, and especially the leadership from the Rules Committee, would take into account that this is a process where the House should be able to come together and offer their ideas and let the will of the House prevail, but at least allow for that debate here on the House floor on as many amendments as possible in as fair a way as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comment. We have had this discussion on a number of occasions.

I am convinced that Mr. MCGOVERN, the chairman of the Rules Committee, does, in fact, want to have the kind of process that we talked about and that the gentleman just referenced. He also knows that, in the last Congress, we had the most closed rules of any Congress in which I have served, and perhaps in history, 103 closed rules.

But having said that, I am hopeful that the gentleman's side will come forth with amendments that are, as the

gentleman says, subject to rational debate and are not gotcha amendments. I am not alleging they are gotcha amendments, but that is obviously a concern that the gentleman had when he was in charge and that we have when we are in charge.

But I know that Mr. MCGOVERN wants to have a fair process, and we are talking about that, so we will continue to do that.

Mr. SCALISE. I appreciate that, and, again, we will be watching and, hopefully, see that they become more fair as we get into that appropriations process.

Finally, I would like to ask the gentleman about legislation that has been filed that is a companion to a Senate bill that passed the Senate with a vote of 77 votes to stand up against the BDS movement.

As we both know, and I know the gentleman has been supportive of these efforts, the concern is that Israel continues to come under attack by many countries around the world trying to delegitimize their economy and delegitimize their status as a Jewish state by this movement to undermine their economy, to boycott and divest from Israel.

So we have legislation. The companion bill is H.R. 336 by Mr. MCCAUL from Texas. It doesn't have the concerns. There were some concerns over the way that the Senate bill came over, but at least we do know, because of the vote, with 77 votes, it was a very bipartisan vote.

There is strong concern by the Senate to address this and strong concern by many Members of the House, Republican and Democrat, to stand up to the BDS movement, and not just in words.

Clearly, there are resolutions out there. We can all give speeches and say that we are against it, but it actually takes real action and real effort, things that are in the legislation that give teeth to our stand against BDS and for Israel.

Of course, if you look at some of the examples in the legislation, not just words, but \$33 billion in military assistance to Israel, security cooperation enhancements, things that ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative edge to defend itself from the daily threats that, unfortunately, we see from other countries and terrorist organizations that want to undermine their status as a Jewish state.

With that, could the gentleman give us an indication, would there be a timeline that we can establish to bring this bill to the floor short of the discharge petition?

There is a discharge petition with more than 180 signatures already on it to bring this bill to the floor, but it would be a lot better if it were truly bipartisan from both leadership sides saying that we are willing to stand up against this movement, not just in words, but in deeds.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. First of all, I would say words are important. That is why we all debate, because we think words are important.

But having said that, I share the gentleman's view, as he well knows, with reference to the BDS movement, which I think is contrary to the interests of our ally, Israel, and contrary to our own interests.

Having said that, as I indicated to the gentleman last week, I have been discussing this with Mr. ENGEL, and he, as you know, shares the view which I have expressed and my friend has expressed, and his committee is going to be addressing that, I expect, in the near term. When they do, we will decide what actions to take at that point in time, and I look forward to discussing it with the gentleman.

Mr. SCALISE. We will continue to discuss it. I appreciate that.

Clearly, as we have an interest in not just expressing our words, like on many other important issues, we have to back that up with laws, legislation that gives teeth to the words and gives true support to our friends, especially Israel, in such a time of need where this movement is growing. And we want to move as quickly as possible, so we will continue to have this conversation and, hopefully, get a formal timeline as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. My friend mentioned there are essentially four components of the bill to which he referred, three of which are noncontroversial, as the gentleman knows, and one of which has issues with respect to its constitutionality. Without resolving that issue, the three that are in that bill, I think, enjoy bipartisan support. They were held up in the Senate, as the gentleman probably knows, but we want to make sure those three certainly are adopted.

Mr. SCALISE. Clearly, the Senate looked at that as well and worked through that. They actually made some changes to the bill which we conformed into this. The discharge petition has a rule that will actually conform it to the Senate to address those issues.

Again, the Senate bill got 77 votes, highly bipartisan, especially on such an important issue. So, hopefully, we will continue those conversations and come to an agreement on a timeline that is expedited.

Mr. Speaker, unless the gentleman has anything else, I yield back the balance of my time.

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MORAL ARC OF THE UNIVERSE BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE

(Mr. LOWENTHAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, if we hold true to the idea that America

stands for equality, equity, and diversity, then equal rights must apply to and be protected for all Americans.

No American should be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Yet, despite the historic accomplishments toward equality over the past decade, LGBTQ Americans still face systemic discrimination.

We know the fight for equality is always on the right side of history, and today's passage of the Equality Act is a much-needed step forward in that fight.

Today's vote allows us to see the moral arc of the universe, as Martin Luther King, Jr., said, bend toward justice.

TRIBUTE TO TOMMY TICE

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas' most successful football coaches, Tommy Tice of Huntsville, Arkansas, who retires this month after 42 years in coaching and athletic administration.

Coach Tice coached more football games as a head coach than anyone in Arkansas history: 454 games. He had a combined record of 288 wins, 160 losses, and 6 ties, an overall winning percentage of 63 percent.

He was selected head coach of the Arkansas All-Star football game six times. He had a State championship, 13 conference titles, and 19 playoff appearances.

An Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 2016, Coach Tice has been a teacher and mentor to dozens of coaches throughout the State of Arkansas.

He is one of my best friends, and I can't think of anyone more impactful on student-athletes than Coach Tommy Tice. I congratulate him on a remarkable career, and I wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING NEVADA ASSEMBLYMAN TYRONE THOMPSON

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Nevada Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, who recently passed.

Tyrone's passion for service and community was reinforced by action. He was constantly on the front lines advocating for children in family court as a CASA advocate. Through his life-coaching and mentoring efforts, he spearheaded the annual Clark County Summer Business Institute, providing summer college and career exploration for high school students.

When Tyrone had the opportunity to be appointed and then elected to the Nevada Assembly in District 17, he made it his mission to propose new ideas to move Nevada forward and

bring an experienced and pragmatic voice to the challenges our State faces. He became a leader and champion for increased funding, for more equitable education for all students, and for making our schools and communities safe from gun violence.

Tyrone was always present, leading the way to make the North Las Vegas community and the people in it stronger, whether it was working tirelessly to improve education, addressing racial equity and inclusion, volunteering with Camp Anytown, supporting Project Homeless Connect and Family Connect, or launching the My Brother's Keeper initiative.

At the age of 52, he still had so much more to offer to his community, in public service, and most importantly, to his family.

I am proud of the work my dear friend accomplished, and I am honored to ensure that his legacy is permanently enshrined in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

May he rest in peace.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. RESCENTHALER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, this week, communities across the country honored law enforcement officers in recognition of National Police Week.

Police officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our loved ones and neighbors. These brave men and women experience daily trauma and injury. In fact, the stress endured by our police officers contributes to a suicide rate that is 50 percent higher than the national average.

That is why I introduced the STOIC Act with my Democratic colleague from Pennsylvania, MADELEINE DEAN. This is a bipartisan bill to better address the mental health needs of our law enforcement officers.

I think that Republicans and Democrats should all be able to get together to fight against suicide and for the worthy cause of suicide prevention. Just yesterday, the Senate passed their version of STOIC with unanimous consent.

I want us to work together to unite our country, and I hope we can vote on this legislation that has strong bipartisan support. I hope that my colleagues from across the aisle will work with us to address the mental health needs of our Nation's law enforcement.

COMMIT TO REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

(Mrs. FLETCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the women of this country, for their health and for their rights.

In this Congress, in this House, we have worked to ensure women's access to healthcare, to protect women and men with preexisting conditions, to lower the cost of prescription drugs, and to make healthcare more affordable and accessible. But in State houses across the country, women's access to their most basic healthcare is under attack. And it is not just their healthcare that is under attack; it is their equality.

The law passed in the Alabama State House this week is the most extreme and dangerous since *Roe v. Wade*, banning abortion at any point in pregnancy and threatening doctors with life in prison.

It is not just this Alabama law; it is laws in Georgia, Mississippi, and my home State of Texas, and the efforts of the current administration that result in a dramatic reduction in women's access to reproductive healthcare and basic family planning services and a denial of their reproductive rights.

Doctors and public health leaders agree that the cost of these laws will be women's lives. We cannot let that happen.

As we work to protect our care, we must support the women of this country and their right to safe, affordable, nonjudgmental reproductive healthcare. We must commit to reproductive justice.

HONORING MISSISSIPPI'S FALLEN OFFICERS

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the 38th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service honored the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice upholding the rule of law and protecting the people of our great Nation.

Last year, Mississippi lost five officers in the line of duty. I would like to honor them as we remember their service and sacrifice.

Please join me in honoring Police Officer Emmett Paul Morris, Corporal Walter Zachery Moak, Patrolman James Kevin White, Patrol Officer LeAnn Simpson, and Police Officer Robert McKeithen.

President Ronald Reagan once said there can be no more noble vocation than the protection of one's fellow citizens.

May we remember these brave officers, their sacrifice to protecting our communities, and the sacrifice they made for the people who call Mississippi home.

URGING THE SENATE TO PASS THE EQUALITY ACT

(Ms. DELBENE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to join my colleagues in passing the Equality Act, which ensures